EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

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1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with the Applicant's Attorney, Mr. Todd Baker, on 14 May 007 and 05 June 2007.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the claim:

- Claim 1 in line 14 after "via the conductive pipe," insert ----and the conductive pipe is providing current to the power
 semiconductor element,------
- Claims 3, 4 and 6 are cancelled.
- 2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: claims 1-2 are allowed because the prior of record neither anticipates nor renders obvious the limitations of the base claim 1 including wherein the power semiconductor element is electrically connected to the inner lead part of the external connecting terminal via the conductive pipe, and the conductive pipe is providing current to the power semiconductor element.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably